

Medieval Japan

Heian Period

1st Shogun

Minamoto no Yoritomo
reigned 1192-1199

The Hojo Clan creates Shogunal regent:
Emperor = figurehead (no real power)

1221
Emperor Go-Toba launches a failed
coup against the Kamakura Shogunate



Shogun

Ashikaga Takauji
reigned 1338-1358

1333-1336
Kammu Restoration: Emperor Go-Daigo
uses rebel warlords to oust the
Kamakura Shogunate

1401
Japan joins tribute system
of China's Ming Dynasty



Daimyo

Oda Nobunaga
lived 1534-1582

Military Leader of Japan

Toyotomi Hideyoshi
reigned 1582-1598

Shogun

Tokugawa Ieyasu
reigned 1603-1605

Kamakura Period

Muromachi Period

Azuchi Period

Edo Period

1185 CE



Monasteries provide
education to all
classes and host
schools of artists

Feudal Society
brought about by the
rise of warlords;
women are used for
social progress

1333 CE

Daimyo rule the
outer provinces
making taxation
difficult for the
central government

Samurai are the
most important and
prestigious warriors



Japanese Art
becomes more
secular with decline
of Buddhist temples

Tea Ceremony with a
dedicated room and
utensils becomes
popular

1573 CE

Shi-No-Ko-Sho class
system: warriors,
farmers, artisans,
merchants

1600 CE

1175: Jodo Sect (Pure Land), a new
form of Zen
Buddhism

Simplified religion open
to all social statuses

**1224: Jodo-Shin
Sect (True Pure
Land)** mixes
Buddhism, Shinto &
tradition

1253: Kencho-ji
Most important Zen
monastery built

Zen principles become
popular with Samurai



**1185: Battle of
Dan-no-ura**
Last battle of the
Genpei Wars



**1274 & 1281: Failed
Mongol Invasions**
launched by Kublai
Khan



Muromachi Samurai

**1467-1477: Onin
War**, a civil war
between rival
warlords starts
Sengoku Period

Sengoku / Warring States Period



1543: Christianity
Three Portuguese
traders shipwrecked
on Japanese coast

1543: First use
of firearms

1568: Sengoku
Period ends
without
resolution

1571: Nobunaga
attacks several
Buddhist temples

**1592-1598: Imjin
Wars** Toyotomi
Hideoyoshi tries to
invade Korea

Endless civil wars. No real central government.

Japan becomes reunited
towards the late 1570s.